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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

*(Only for nonprovisional
applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))*

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of PIERRE DURIF, NOEL MOREL, GEORGES PEYRON and GILBERT MENARD entitled PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CROSS-LINKING /EXPANDING A BLANK FOR A SAFETY SUPPORT FOR A TIRE AND SUPPORT OBTAINED BY THIS PROCESS.

which includes:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification | <u>35</u> Total Pages |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims | <u>8</u> pages |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract | <u>1</u> page |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings Figs. | <u>4</u> sheets |
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☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney 4 pages

☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

☒ Copy from a prior application

☒ If a continuing application, check appropriate box:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-In-Part

of U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001, which claims priority to FR 00/06488, filed May 19, 2000.

[X] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

"This is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part
of U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001.

[X] The entire disclosures of the prior applications, including U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075, filed May 17, 2001 and FR 00/06488, filed May 19, 2000 are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] An Assignment of the invention to Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.

☐ is attached. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

☐ will follow.

[X] has been filed in the prior application, U.S. Serial No. 09/860,075 and recorded at Reel No. 12152, Frame No. 0956.

[X] Information Disclosure Statement

1 page

[X] PTO Form 1449

1 page

☐ Copies of references are enclosed.

Also accompanying this patent application are:

☐ Application Data Sheet

☐ Non-Publication Request

[X] Return Receipt Postcard

[X] Preliminary Amendment

9 pages

☐ Submission of Formal Drawings

 pages

[X] Cancel in this application original claims 1-6 and 8-9 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | \$385.00 | \$0.00 | | \$770.00 | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims | 18 | -20 | = | 0 | x | 9 = | | \$0.00 | | x 18 = | \$0.00 |
| Ind. Claims | 1 | -3 | = | 1 | x | 43 = | | \$0.00 | | x 86 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | | + 145 = | | | | x 280 = | \$0.00 |
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Priority:


☒ Priority of application Country France, Appln. No. 00/6488, filed May 19, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Country France, Appln. No. 00/6488, filed May 19, 2000
☐ is/are attached. ☐ will follow ☒ has been filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/860,075.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required, including and fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4337. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**770****Complete if Known**

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| Application Number | To be assigned - Div. of 09/860,075 |
| Filing Date | March 2, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Pierre Durif |
| Examiner Name | To be assigned |
| Art Unit | To be assigned |
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| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | 770 |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$) 770 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | | Extra Claims | | Fee from below | | Fee Paid | |
|--------------------|----|--------------|---|----------------|--|----------|---|
| Independent | 18 | - 20 = | 0 | X | | = | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | X | | = | 0 |

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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**0**

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

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